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Owner (and occupant): Mrs. William H. Pierson

Date of Erection: Cornerstone inscribed "D.S.D.
Nov. 10, 1719"

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Daniel Dodd (d. 1767) original owner

Number of Stories: One and one-half over cellar

Present Condition: Alterations include dormer
windows and front porch

Materials of Construction:

Foundation - stone masonry

Exterior walls - timber frame, clapboarded

Interior walls - lath and plaster on frame
studding

Chimneys - brick, built into inside of
gable end walls

Roof - gable, wood shingled

Historical Data:

This early 18th century farm house is remarkable as one of those very few houses which fortunately for purposes of identification and date of erection, has in its fabric a stone inscribed with that pertinent data, in this case, "D.S.D. Nov. 10, 1719". The search of title to this property back through the successive owners shows that these

initials are those of Daniel and Sarah Dodd.(a)

By his will dated 30 December 1766 and proved 27 February 1767, this Daniel Dodd of Newark Township*, Essex County, provided for the maintenance of his wife Sarah, devised five pounds each to his daughters Eunice Baldwin and Sarah Freeman, 15 pounds to his sons Isaac, Joseph, and Caleb, a salt meadow to his sons Thomas and Amos, his Indian purchase right located over the mountain and at Whippany (in Morris County) to his sons Thomas, Daniel, Joseph and Amos, and "my dwelling house" and the residue of his lands to his son Amos.(b)

(a) Daniel³ Dodd, eldest son of Daniel² Dodd of Newark, died in 1767 aged 86 or 87 yrs., married Sarah Alling, daughter of Samuel Alling of Newark, and had issue viz. Eunice b. 3 Nov. 1718, d. 20 Oct. 1805, who mar. David Baldwin, Sarah b. 28 Dec. 1720 mar. Timothy Freeman, Thomas b. 7 Jan. 1723, d. 8 Sept. 1815, Daniel b. 1 May 1725, d. 1795, Isaac b. 8 July 1728, d. 19 Aug. 1804, Joseph b. 12 Sept. 1731, d. 4 June 1789, Moses b. 18 June 1734, d.y., Amos b. 15 Sept. 1737, d. 7 Oct. 1811, and Caleb b. 26 May 1740, d. 1780. (Dodd and Folsom, Genealogy and History of the Dodd Family in America, 1940, p. 8). See cut opp. p. 8 with caption: Daniel Dodd House 1719, built by Daniel Dodd and wife Sarah, well known house at corner Franklin and Race Sts., Bloomfield. Inscription on cornerstone reads D.S.D. Nov. 10, 1719, their initials, and is the oldest house now standing built by one of the family in America. This picture shows it in the 19th century, before the dormer windows and small porch were added. (See also photo of "Daniel Dodd House 1719" opp. p. 18 of J.F. Folsom, Bloomfield Old and New, 1912, and text p. 17. Cf. Shaw, Hist. of Essex and Hudson Counties, N.J., 1884, p. 862).

(b) Abstract of will published in New Jersey Archives XXXIII, 118.

* Bloomfield Township created from Newark Twp. 1812.

Amos Dodd^(c) youngest son of Daniel Dodd abovenamed and devisee of the latter's homestead in 1766 held and occupied the same until his death on 7 October 1811, intestate. Evidently he had previously conveyed the house to his son Amos Dodd Jr. by deed which is not of record, for the latter, with wife Polly, of Bloomfield Township, mortgaged the 3-acre "house lot whereon Amos Dodd now lives" to Isaac Dodd and Squier Baldwin 22 June 1810, which encumbrance was cancelled 23 April 1829. The lot is there described as having a frontage on the east side of "the old Road", and bounded north and east by lands of Daniel Dodd (Jr.) and south by those of Isaac Baldwin and others.

This Amos Dodd^(d) of Bloomfield Township occupied the house until his death, having by his

(c) Amos⁴ Dodd, b. 15 Sept. 1737 in the house at N.E. cor. Franklin and Race Sts., Bloomfield, built by his father Daniel Dodd, was Capt. in 2d. Regt. of Essex Co. State Troops from 28 May 1777, d. there 7 Oct. 1811, gravestone in Bloomfield Cem. He mar. in 1762 Hannah Condit, b. 6 Sept. 1739, d. 28 June 1826, dau. of Isaac Condit, and had issue viz. Isaac b. 27 June 1763, d. 24 Apr. 1846; Eunice B. 2 June 1765, d. 14 May 1853, mar. Joel Williams; Mary b. 29 July 1768, d. 5 Nov. 1841, mar. John Condit; Sarah b. 4 Aug. 1770, d. 25 Nov. 1832, mar. Squire Baldwin; Elizabeth b. 28 Feb. 1773, d. 4 Oct. 1776; Daniel b. 2 Mar. 1776, d. 7 Dec. 1854; Amos b. 4 Oct. 1781, d. 26 Mar. 1851; (Dodd and Folsom, cited above, p. 25).

(d) Amos⁵ Dodd, b. 4 Oct., 1781 in the wardesson section of Newark Twp., now Bloomfield, d. there 26 Mar. 1851, in the homestead of his grandfather Daniel Dodd on the N.E. cor. Franklin and Race Sts. He farmed and had a shoe shop, probably with employees, and a shoe peg mill on a little brook on the west side of Bloomfield Ave., south of Watsessing Ave. He mar. 13 Jan. 1801 Mary Canfield, b. 27 May 1783, d. 22 Dec. 1847, dau. of David and Sarah (Collard) Canfield of Newark, and has issue viz. James C. b. Mar. 8, 1801, d. 6 Dec. 1885; Sarah b. 26 July 1802, d. inf.; David C. b. 27 Apr. 1804, d. inf.; David Canfield b. 5 Sept. 1806, d. 21 Apr. 1891; and Harriet N. b. 9 Jan. 1815 d. 22 Sept. 1905 in Brooklyn, mar. James McCracken. (Dodd and Folsom, cited above, p. 52).

will of 14 February 1851, proved 2 July next, devised all his property in equal thirds to his children, James C. Dodd, David C. Dodd, and Harriet N. McCracken.

By deed of 1 May 1852, the two sons who had then removed to the city of Newark, and the daughter who remained in Bloomfield, conveyed to Charles Gilbert of the latter place the old homestead in consideration \$1950. This grantee held and occupied the same until 2 January 1878, on which date he gave deed conveying the house and part of the lot to his wife, Eliza Gilbert, through a third party. Mrs. Gilbert died on 12 March 1903 in Montclair and her executors sold the house in Bloomfield to William H. Pierson of the latter place and his wife by deed of 17 October 1905, in which the lot is described as having a frontage of 150 feet on the north side of Race Street and 52 feet on the east side of Franklin Street at their intersection.

Mrs. Pierson remains as owner and occupant of the house at the time of our request for permission to survey it, January 1941, but has not found it convenient to allow the matter to proceed at this time, hence it is limited to this photo-data booklet.

Reference:

Search of title in land and probate records of Essex County by James Hanlon, H.A.B.S. abstractor, reported January 1941

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